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- 1. SUMMARY. CONFERENCE PRESIDENT MEHTA HAS AGREED TO ORDER POSTPONEMENT OF PUBLICATION OF FINAL REPORT WHILE GROUP B ATTEMPTS TO PERSUADE G-77 ON POLITICAL GROUNDS NOT TO INSIST ON INCLUSION OF GROUP B PROPOSALS IN HALL'S STATEMENT IN APPENDIX. IF THESE EFFORTS UNSUCCESSFUL, MEHTA IS PREPARED TO AGREE TO ADDITION OF A FURTHER GROUPB STATEMENT TO REPORT. GROUP B MISSIONS IN VIENNA ARE RECOMMENDING THAT THEIR NEW YORK COLLEAGUES APPROACH AMBASSADOR MILLS. END SUMMARY.
- 2. PROPOSED MEETING WITH MEHTA (PARA 2.B REFTEL) TOOK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PLACE APRIL 5. REPS OF EIGHT GROUP B COUNTRIES PARTICI-PATED -- AUSTRALIA, DENMARK, FRANCE, FRG, ITALY, JAPAN, UK AND U.S. TWO SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS WERE ALSO PRESENT AT MEHTA'S INVITATION -- SYLLA, DIRECTOR OF CONFERENCE SERVICES WHO WAS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF CONFERENCE, AND KLOEPZIG, LEGAL OFFICER.

- 3. ON LEGAL QUESTION, MEHTA WAS VERY DEFENSIVE AND COMBA-TIVE. HE REPEATEDLY INTERRUPTED PRESENTATION OF GROUP B CASE TO SAY THAT HE HAD ASSENTED TO HALL'S INTRODUCING GROUP B PROPOSALS INTO RECORD (EVEN THOUGH TRANSCRIPT MIGHT NOT MAKE THIS CLEAR), THATNOONE FROM GROUP B HAD RAISED A POINT OF ORDER, AND THAT IF PURPOSE OF OUR DE-MARCHE WAS TO MAKE HIM CHANGE HIS RULING, WE WOULD NOT BE SUCCESSFUL. HE ADMITTED THAT MOLTRECHT LATER HAD RAISED OBJECTION BUT SAID. IN HIS VIEW, THIS HAD NOT BEEN DONE AS A POINT OF ORDER, BUT FOR THE RECORD. MEHTA AFFIRMED IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS THAT HE WOULD NOT CHANGE HIS INTERPRE-TATION; IF HE DID IN RESPONSE TO GROUP B PRESSURE, HE WOULD SIMPLY HAVE G-77 KNOCKING ON HIS DOOR DEMANDING A RE-REVERSAL. (LATER IN THE DISCUSSION, MEHTA REVEALED THAT HALL HAD COME TO HIM IMMEDIATELY AFTER CLOSE OF PLENARY MARCH 11 TO GET CONFIRMATION THAT HIS FULL STATE-MENT INCLUDING GROUP B PROPOSALS WOULD APPEAR IN THE RE-PORT AND MEHTA HAD GIVEN HIM "FULL ASSURANCE" THAT IT WOULD; THUS, MEHTA WAS CLEARLY LOCKED IN ON PROCEDURAL OUESTION.)
- 4. MEHTA WAS MORE SYMPATHETIC TO POLITICAL ARGUMENTS. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN SURPRISED AT HALL'S TACTICS IN PLENARY BUT WHEN NO ONE FROM GROUP B RAISED A POINT OF ORDER IMMEDIATELY, HE HAD ASSUMED THERE HAD BEEN A PRIVATE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GROUPS TO EXPAND THE RECORD IN THIS WAY. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IT BEING EVIDENT NOW THAT THIS WAS NOT THE CASE, HE UNDERSTOOD OUR CONCERN ABOUT WHAT APPEARED TO BE A VIOLATION OF THE USUAL "GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT" THAT EXPLORATORY PROPOSALS MADE IN INFORMAL CONTEXTS SHOULD NOT BE PUT ON RECORD EXCEPT BY MUTUAL CONSENT. MEHTA SAID HE WOULD NOT PUT HIMSELF INTO THE MIDDLE OF THE ARGUMENT, BUT PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING:

- (A) PUBLICATION OF THE FINAL REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE POSTPONED FOR "THE MAXIMUM TIME POSSIBLE" TO ALLOW GROUP B TO PRESS ITS CASE WITH THE G-77. (MEHTA INSTRUCTED SYLLA TO INFORM SECRETARIAT IN NEW YORK OF THIS PRESIDENTIAL RULING. KLOEPZIG INDICATED DEADLINE WOULD BE DETERMINED BY REQUIREMENTS FOR CIRCULATION OF GA DOCUMENTS, BUT WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE BEFORE JUNE.)
- (B) GROUP B SHOULD TRY TO PERSUADE THE G-77 THAT WISEST COURSE WOULD BE TO DROP TEXT OF GROUP B PROPOSALS FROM HALL'S STATEMENT. IF BOTH GROUPS COMMUNICATED AGREEMENT ON THIS POINT TO HIM, HE WOULD INSTRUCT SECRETARIAT ACCORDINGLY AND MATTER WOULD BE RESOLVED. (OFF-THE-RECORD, MEHTA SUGGESTED THAT GROUP B APPROACH

SHOULD BE MADE IN NEW YORK TO JAMAICAN AMBASSADOR MILLS RATHER THAN TO HALL. HE SAID HIS IMPRESSION WAS THAT HALL HAD ACTED ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE AND THAT NEITHER MILLS NOR MANY OTHER MEMBERS OF G-77 WERE HAPPY WITH HIS TACTICS.)

(C) IF GROUP B AND G-77 COULD NOT REPEAT NOT REACH AGREEMENT, GROUP B (OR THOSE MEMBERS OF GROUP B WHO WISHED TO ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES) SHOULD PREPARE AN ADDITIONAL WRITTEN STATEMENT OF ITS VIEWS AND SUBMIT IT TO HIM. HE WOULD RULE THAT THIS STATEMENT SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO FINAL REPORT WITH SAME STATUS AS OTHER

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STATEMENTS. (KLOEPZIG CONCURRED THAT PRESIDENT WOULD HAVE THIS AUTHORITY.)

- 5. GROUP B REPS MET TOGETHER BRIEFLY AFTER MEETING WITH MEHTA AND AGREED TO REPORT DEVELOPMENTS TO THEIR NEW YORK MISSIONS AND RECOMMEND THAT THEY APPROACH AMBASSADOR MILLS. ALTHOUGH REPS WERE HOPEFUL MATTER COULD BE RESOLVED BY AGREEMENT WITH G-77, AUSTRALIA PROPOSED THAT FRG PREPARE DRAFT STATEMENT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR POSSIBLE SUBMISSION TO MEHTA IF APPROACHES TO MILLS ARE NOT SUCCESSFUL.
- 6. COMMENT: MEHTA'S PROPOSALS ARE CONSISTENT WITH USUN'S VIEWS RE APPROACH TO MILLS (USUN 1204). ASSUME USUN WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH FRG AND OTHER MISSIONS TO COORDINATE EFFORTS.

7. FYI. FRG MISSION ADVISES US THAT MOLTRECHT HAS INSTRUCTED THAT ALL EFFORTS BE MADE TO SUSTAIN HIS OBJECTION TO REPRODUCING GROUP B PROPOSALS IN REPORT OF CONFERENCE, INCLUDING POSSIBLY REPRESENTATIONS TO JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT IN KINGSTON, IF NECESSARY. END FYI. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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